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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the necessary papers for filing the following application for Letters Patent:

Applicant : KEVIN SMITH ET AL.

Title : TISSUE RETRACTOR AND METHOD FOR USING THE RETRACTOR

40 sheets of drawings.

The payment in the amount of \$1,976.00 covering the filing fee.

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